

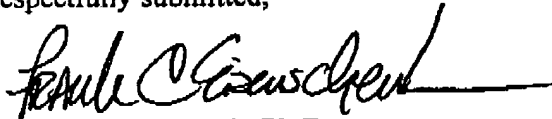
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Claims 1-10 and 12-114 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 2-114 have been canceled and claims 115-179 have been added. Entry and consideration of the new claims presented herein is respectfully requested. Support for the newly presented claims can be found, for example, in the originally filed claims and/or at page 23, lines 15-28; page 28, line 3 through page 36, line 14; page 38, line 1 through page 40, line 5, page 39, lines 11-15; page 158, lines 6-17; and page 201, line 16 through page 203, line 5. In the event that the Examiner finds the elected species allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the search be expanded to the compositions presented in new claims 115-146 (including additional sulfonylurea antidiabetic agents). Claims 1, 115-122, 124, 126, 129-140 and 145-146 read on the elected invention. Accordingly, claims 1 and 115-179 (with claims 123, 125, 127, 128, 141-144 and 147-179 standing withdrawn from consideration) are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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